

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following set of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims.

1. (Currently amended) A method of attenuating the transmission or infection of an immunodeficiency virus into a cell comprising providing to said cell an inhibitor of p21, wherein said inhibitor is provided in an amount and duration sufficient to cause an attenuation of at least about 50% in said transmission or infection of said virus relative to an untreated cell, wherein said inhibitor is 2-cyano-3,12-dioxooleana-1,9-dien-28-oic acid (CDDO), or a salt ~~or derivative~~ thereof.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said immunodeficiency virus is human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and said cell is a human cell.

3-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A method of treating AIDS in an individual, comprising providing to HIV-1 infected cells of said individual, or to HIV-1 ~~susceptible~~ susceptible cells of such individual, an amount of a p21 inhibitor sufficient to attenuate the propagation of HIV, wherein said inhibitor is provided in an amount and duration sufficient to cause an attenuation of at least 50% in said propagation of HIV relative to untreated cells, wherein said inhibitor is 2-cyano-3,12-dioxooleana-1,9-dien-28-oic acid (CDDO), or a salt ~~or derivative~~ thereof.

14-34. (Cancelled)